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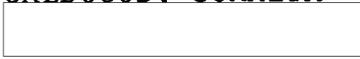
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IMPROVEMENT OF ETHIOPIAN/SDSF DEFENSES

GALDOGOB, SOMALIA



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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: SINCE LATE OCTOBER, ETHIOPIAN/SOMALI DEMOCRATIC SALVATION FRONT (SDSF) FORCES, OCCUPYING THE SOMALI TOWN OF GALDOGOB, HAVE STRENGTHENED THEIR POSITIONS WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUMEROUS VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT REVETMENTS AND A PERIMETER LINE OF DEFENSIVE TRENCHES AND WEAPONS POSITIONS (GRAPHIC 1).

2. (SWN) REMARKS: [REDACTED] AT LEAST 40 INDIVIDUAL VEHICLE REVETMENTS WERE CONSTRUCTED NORTHWEST OF GALDOGOB. TWENTY OF THESE REVETMENTS WERE ARRANGED IN A BATTALION-SIZE GROUPING APPROXIMATELY 2 NM FROM TOWN (GRAPHIC 2). THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE REVETMENTS UNDER TREES PRECLUDED A POSITIVE DETERMINATION OF THEIR OCCUPANCY STATUS. EXTENSIVE TRACKAGE FROM TRACKED VEHICLES THROUGHOUT THE DEPLOYMENT AREA, INCLUDING TRACKS LEADING INTO THE REVETMENTS, INDICATED THAT POSSIBLY ALL 40 REVETMENTS WERE OCCUPIED WITH ARMORED VEHICLES.

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(SWN) IN ADDITION, REVETMENTS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED SINCE [REDACTED] FOR THE TWO FOUR-GUN BATTERIES OF 130MM FIELD GUNS M-46 THAT HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED NORTHWEST OF GALDOGOB SINCE EARLY AUGUST (ONE BATTERY ON GRAPHIC 3). CONSTRUCTION OF A PERIMETER LINE OF DEFENSIVE TRENCHES AND WEAPONS POSITIONS SOUTH AND EAST OF GALDOGOB HAS ALSO TAKEN PLACE [REDACTED] THIS DEFENSIVE LINE IS SITUATED APPROXIMATELY 2 NM FROM TOWN AND IS ORIENTED TO PROTECT ETHIOPIAN/SDSF FORCES OCCUPYING GALDOGOB FROM ANY ATTACK BY SOMALI FORCES IN THE AREA.

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(SWN) GALDOGOB IS SITUATED APPROXIMATELY 2 NM EAST OF THE PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE LINE SEPARATING ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA, APPROXIMATELY 30 NM NORTHWEST OF GALCAIO, SOMALIA. [REDACTED]

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 07-01-42N 047-01-41E

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